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Editor's Note

Your editor failed to mention in *Fun Money* #12 that the freebies with that issue were provided by John Dalton, E.B. Scott, Jeff Quinn, and Fred Zinkann. Sorry about the omission; we really appreciate your contributions.

For the first time, we have suffered a large loss of members. As you can see on page 15, nine members

elected not to renew, plus we lost a member due to death. Needless to say, this is a heavy blow to a small group such as ours. If there is something we can do different to make our members happier, please let us know! It makes the finances a bit tight, but we will continue to put out as large a newsletter as possible.

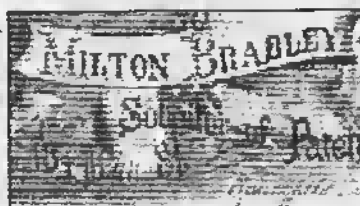
Freebies this time are just some things the editor had around. Once again, GOOD HUNTING! 😊



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Jack Phillips

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Each APMS member is encouraged to send a free ad of up to five lines for each issue of *Fun Money*. Ads will not be run continuously, so please send a new ad each time.



AD RATES

Business card (1/8 page): four issues for \$6.00. Camera ready: \$12.00 full page, \$6.00 for 1/2 page, and \$3.00 for 1/4 page.



| ISSUE | DEADLINE | PUB. DATE |
|-------|---------------|--------------|
| # 14 | Aug. 10, 1999 | Sep. 1, 1999 |
| # 15 | Nov. 10, 1999 | Dec. 1, 1999 |
| # 16 | Feb. 10, 2000 | Mar. 1, 2000 |

THE AMERICAN PLAY MONEY SOCIETY

The American Play Money Society (APMS) is a non-profit, educational organization for collectors of play money. It is dedicated to the promotion and research of play money and related exonomia.



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\$7.00 per year for a regular membership and \$9.00 for a family membership (US only). Both have full membership, but only one newsletter will be mailed to the family. Dues for members in other countries will be determined by postage rates.



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MEETINGS

One per year in a central location. We would appreciate comments on where and when to have an official meeting. With members in all parts of the country it is impossible to accommodate everyone; however, we will have the meeting in a location that will benefit the most people.



TREASURER'S REPORT



by Barbara Phillips

Balance as of February 20, 1999 \$ 335.65

Income: Dues, ads, and back issues \$ 30.00

Expenses: Kinkos: Fun Money #12 printing \$ 74.41
Postage, stamps and envelopes \$ 25.25

Balance as of May 24, 1999 \$ 265.99

AMERICA'S GREATEST LUCKY BUCKS PLAY MONEY

BY JANE SEARS

FELIX THE CAT

My favorite of all the lucky bucks is **FELIX THE CAT**. First appearing in an animated film in 1919, he was created by Otto Messmer and Pat Sullivan. The King Feature Syndicate added Felix to its Sunday comic section in August 1923. A daily strip was added in May 1927. It is the story of a resourceful feline and his group of friends.

LIST OF CHARACTERS:

FELIX THE CAT- a happy black cat with large eyes and smile

PHYLLIS- felix's girlfriend

LAURA- a cantankerous parrot

DUD- dog

CHEERO- dog

DANNY- boy

HANK- chicken

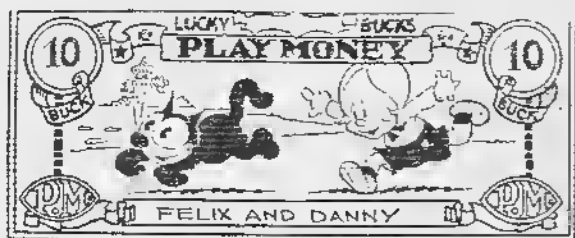
FELIX'S 5 NEPHEWS

The lucky bucks denominations are in 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, 20's, 500's, 1000's, 2000's, and 5000's. There may be a 100, but I don't have one in my collection.

Bills are shown approximately 65% of size

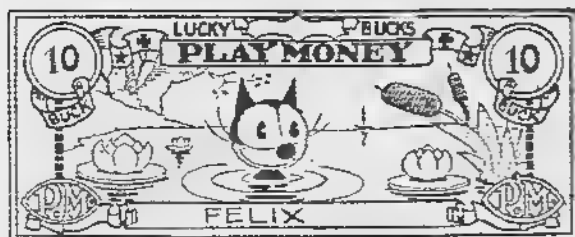


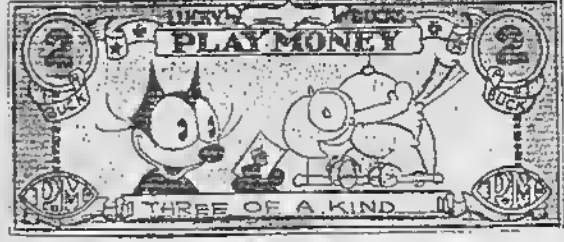
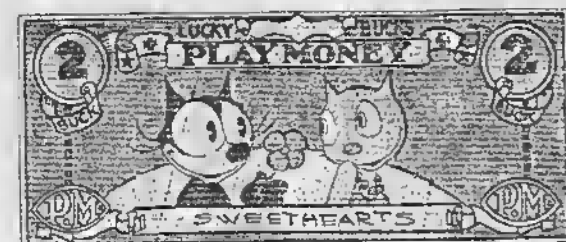
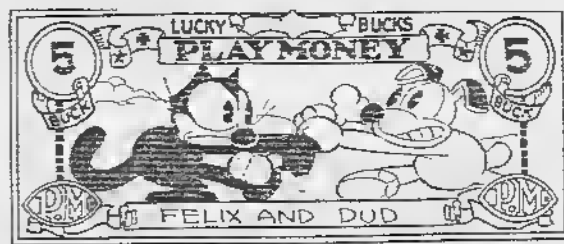
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East Coast Meeting!

Members of The American Play Money Society (APMS) who reside in and around Maryland are planning to hold an informal meeting during the Maryland State Numismatic Association's Atlantic Rorities Coin Exposition on Saturday, June 12, 1999, from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. It's just going to be a social gathering of folks with similar collecting interests in "play money" where we can buy and sell, swap or trade, share our experiences and get acquainted. The show and meeting will be held in downtown Baltimore at the Baltimore Convention Center on Pratt Street. Please check at the registration desk for the room number and location of the meeting. All APMS members, guests and show visitors are welcome! Any questions can be directed to Millard W. Hojek, 1404 Harberson Rd., Baltimore, MD 21228-1116.

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✎ A GREAT FIND ✎

By Jane Sears

Russ and I collect anything resembling money. I found this colorful piece showing Garry Moore who hosted "Take it or Leave it" in 1947. The radio game show aired in half-hour spots: 1940-47 CBS Sunday 10 PM, 1947-50 NBC Sunday 10 PM, and 1950-56 NBC Sunday 10 PM. When the show moved to television it was called "The \$64,000 Question".



Garry Moore—Take It or Leave It

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Personal Play Money

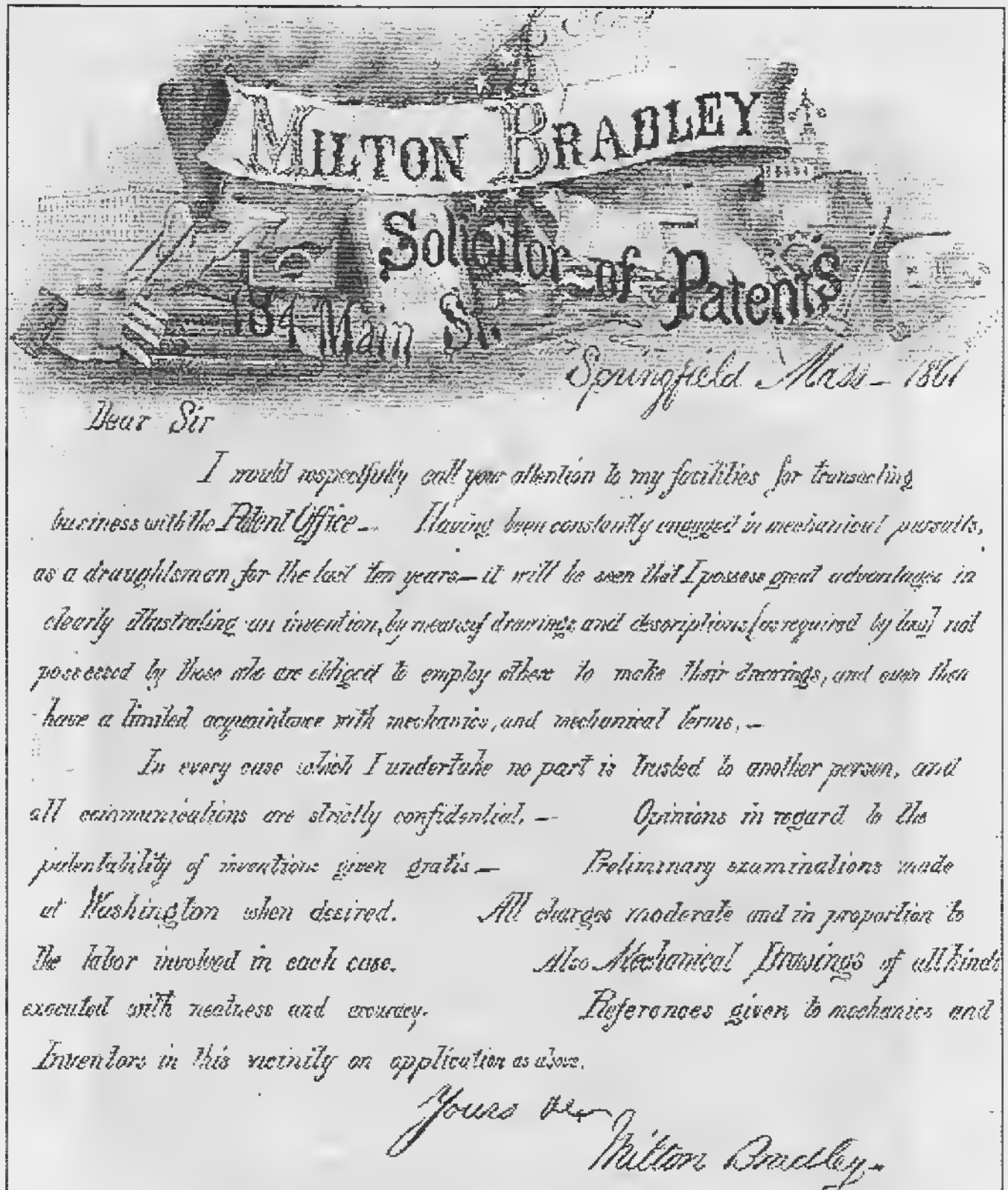
Back in 1997, R. W. Colbert, a Georgia collector, made your editor one of the personalized coins like he has produced for other collectors. Richard Clothier has several listed on page 27 of his book and this one is similar to those. This piece is pictured larger than its actual 26 mm diameter and is struck in aluminum with incuse lettering.



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War Date "Milton Bradley" Advertising Letter

Don Kolkman noticed this interesting item on the eBay online auction site and thought members would enjoy seeing it. The description was given as follows: "In 1861, Milton Bradley (later to be famous for developing toys and games) was solicitor of patents. This is an advertising circular with a magnificent patriotic motif. It displays the Union flag and bears the motto, "UNION and LIBERTY". The last bid we noticed on it was \$100.00.



MILTON BRADLEY
Solicitor of Patents
184 Main St.
Springfield Mass - 1861

Dear Sir

I would respectfully call your attention to my facilities for transacting business with the Patent Office. - Having been constantly engaged in mechanical pursuits, as a draughtsman for the last ten years - it will be seen that I possess great advantages in clearly illustrating an invention, by means of drawings and descriptions [as required by law] not possessed by those who are obliged to employ others to make their drawings, and even then have a limited acquaintance with mechanics, and mechanical terms, -

In every case which I undertake no part is trusted to another person, and all communications are strictly confidential. - Opinions in regard to the patentability of inventions given gratis - Preliminary examinations made at Washington when desired. All charges moderate and in proportion to the labor involved in each case. Also Mechanical Drawings of all kinds executed with neatness and accuracy. References given to mechanics and Inventors in this vicinity on application as above.

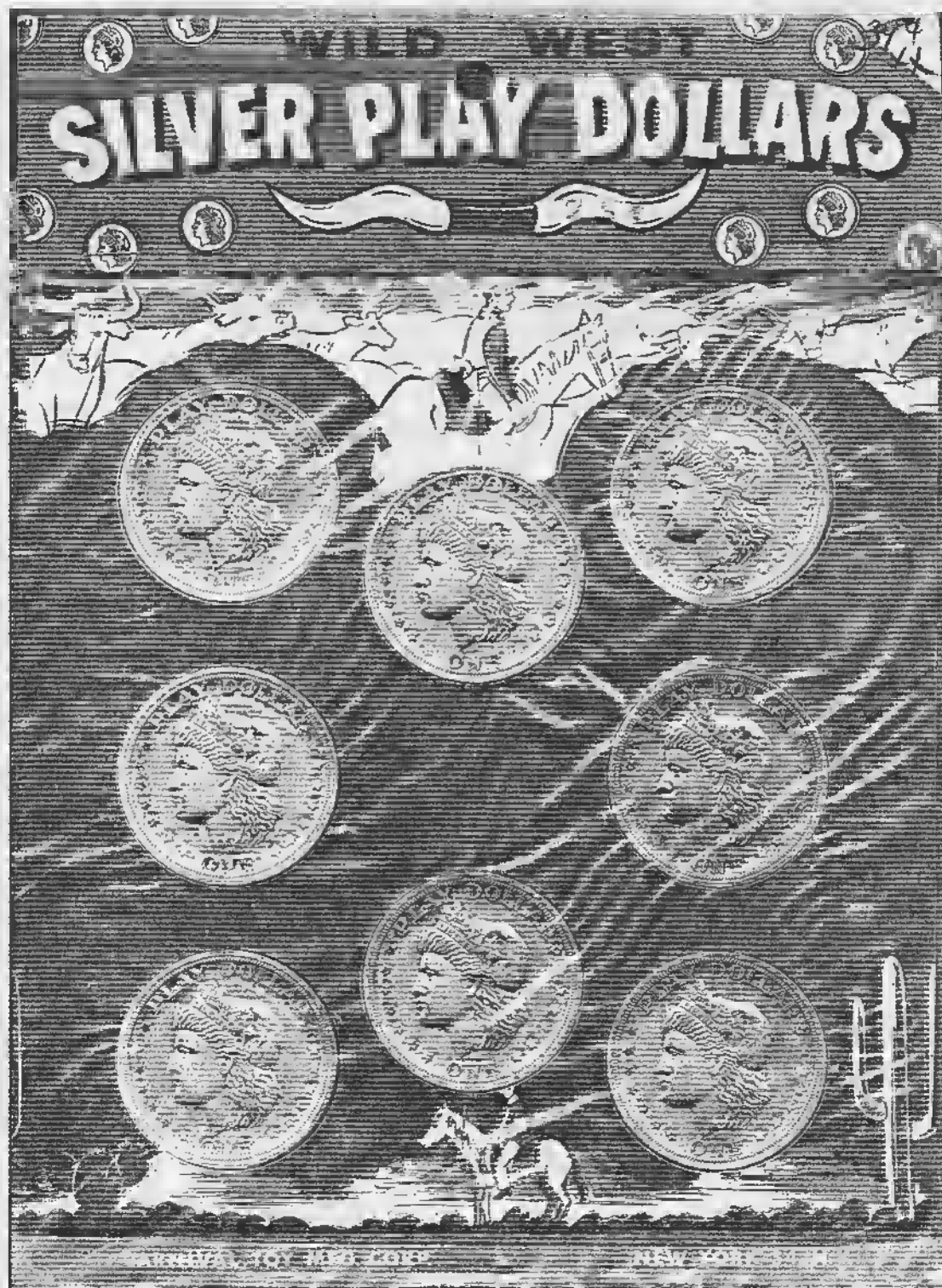
Yours very truly
Milton Bradley.

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WILD WEST Silver Play Dollars

By Jack Phillips

This neat card of Play Dollars was a recent find on the eBay online auction. They are listed in Richard Clothier's book as P251. The card, which measures 7 1/4 inches wide by 10 inches tall, is printed in red, white, and blue with both sides being identical. It appears that the original price was 39¢ (it is still written in the upper right hand corner). As Richard notes, the coins are very attractive plastic with a heavy silver plating. The obverse shows Liberty while the reverse displays the American eagle quite similar to a U.S. Morgan silver dollar. Along the bottom of the card is printed "Carnival Toy Mfg. Corp. New York 54, N.Y." They are a wonderful addition to the author's collection!



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Circus Play Coins

Update



The article on Circus Play Coins in the March 1999 issue of *Fun Money* prompted members Benj Fauver and C.R. Clark to check their collections for additional types and colors. There were numerous additions so, rather than list the changes, we decided to publish a complete new listing of these coins which appears below. It is expected that there are still many more that could be added. And we still don't have any additional information on when these were produced or how they were distributed.



| Numbers in columns are denominations | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------|------|-------|--------|------|-----|-----|--------|--------------|
| Animal | Blue Light | Cream | Gray | Green | Orange | Pink | Red | Tan | Yellow | Yellow Light |
| African Boa Constrictor | | 100 | 100 | | | | 100 | | | |
| African Crocodile | | 100 | 100 | 100 | | | | | | |
| African Elephant | | 500 | 500 | 500 | | | | | | |
| African Giraffe | | 50 | | | | 50 | 50 | | | |
| African Hippopotamus | | 10 | 10 | | | | | | | |
| African Hyena | | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | 5 | | |
| African Lion | 25 | 25 | 25 | | | | | | | |
| African Rhinoceros | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| African Tiger | | 25 | 25 | | | | 25 | | | |
| American Bear | | 25 | | 25 | | | | | | |
| American Deer | 10 | 10 | | 10 | | | | | 10 | 10 |
| American Eagle | | 500 | | | | | | | | |
| Arabian Camel | | 10 | | 10 | | | 10 | | | |
| South American Donkey | 5 | 5 | | 5 | | | | | 5 | |
| South American Monkey | | 50 | | | | | 50 | | | |
| South American Parrot | | 500 | 500 | | 500 | | | | | |



American Hero Play Coin

Update



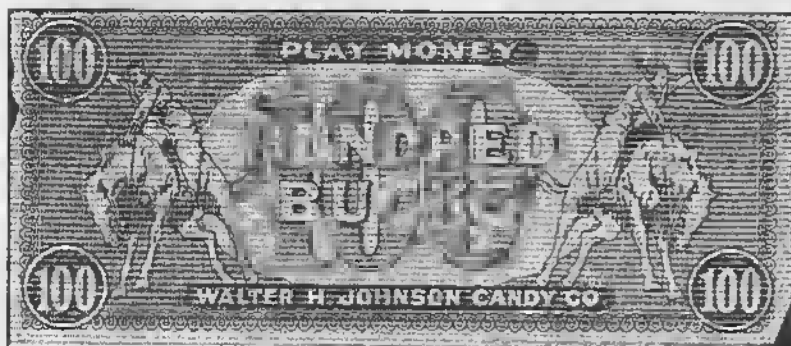
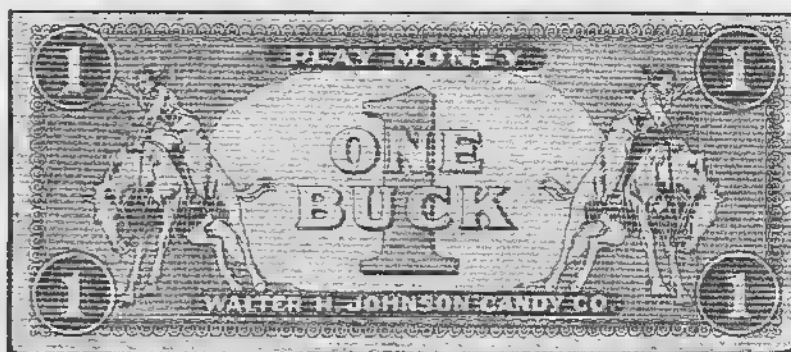
As with the Circus Play Coins, the article on American Hero Play Coins in the March 1999 issue of *Fun Money* prompted members Benj Fauver and C.R. Clark to check their collections for additional types and colors. There were numerous additions to this series also and, rather than list the changes, we decided to publish a complete new listing of these coins which appears below. It is expected that there are still many more that could be added. And we still don't have the information on when these were produced or how they were distributed. Any help on this series or on the Circus Play Coins would be greatly appreciated.

| Person | Numbers in columns are denominations | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------|------|-------|--------------|------|-----|-------------|--------|-----------------|
| | Blue Green | Blue Light | Cream | Gray | Green | Off White | Pink | Red | Red Dark | Yellow | Yellow Green |
| Abraham Lincoln | | | 500 | 500 | | | | | | | |
| Andrew Jackson | | | 500 | | | | | | | | 500 |
| Buffalo Bill | | | 5 | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Daniel Boone | | 50 | 50 | | | | | 50 | | | |
| Davy Crockett, Born Aug. 17, 1786 | | | 50 | | | | | | | | |
| Davy Crockett, Crossing A River | | | 10 | | | | | 10 | | | |
| Davy Crockett, Saving An Indian | | | 50 | | | | | 50 | | | |
| George Washington | | | 500 | | | 500 | | | | | |
| John Paul Jones | | | 5 | | | | 5 | | | | |
| Patrick Henry | | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | | | 100 | | | |
| Paul Revere | | 100 (dark) | 100 | | | 100 | 100 | 100 | | | |
| Robert E. Lee | | | 100 | | | | | | 100 | | 100 |
| Theodore Roosevelt | 10 | | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas Jefferson | | | 25 | | 25 | | | | | | |
| Ulysses S. Grant | | | 10 | | | | | 10 | | | |
| Zachary Taylor | | | 5 | | 5 | | | | | | |

Walter H. Johnson Candy Co.

By Jack Phillips

These two neat bills were recently acquired in a trade and nothing is known about their age, origin, or use. They measure about 4 inches wide by 1 3/4 inches tall and are pictured here in their actual size. Both sides show the same images with one side being printed in light green and the opposite side printed in reddish orange.



It is assumed that one bill was packaged with a piece of the candy or gum as was common in the 1930's and 1940's, but this is only speculation. Can any of our readers shed some light on these pieces or the company that produced them?

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Mallo Cup Play Money

Your editor is preparing a story on the many different types and varieties of Mallo Cup Play Money. These are described by Richard Clothier in his book on page 24. They came in several colors and had different identifying letters. Also, some came in sets of two, both in the same denomination and in two different values. We will attempt to prepare a chart or table showing the different types once it is ascertained how many are out there. Pictured here are just two of the denominations. We have only managed to acquire one of the dollar pieces and assume it is much harder to find.



Your assistance would be appreciated in sending any information you may have regarding these interesting items. This could include ads, stories from childhood, or just anything you feel would contribute to our knowledge of the Mallo history.

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California Highway Patrol

By Stephen P. Alpert

Shown below are both sides of a funny money note issued by the California Highway Patrol in 1981 as a reminder of the 55 mile per hour speed limit. The obverse is black with green seals while the reverse is in green. It is an overly wide note at 7 3/4 inches wide by 2 3/4 inches tall. This note will be sold in my mail bid auction that closes in mid-June. Please contact me if you are interested in bidding. Stephen P. Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066.



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In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of a fellow member, David Rogers, #55.

David was the author of *Toy Coins*, a book devoted primarily to European play coins. He was also a noted numismatist in England and had a world class collection that will most probably go to one of the museums in England.

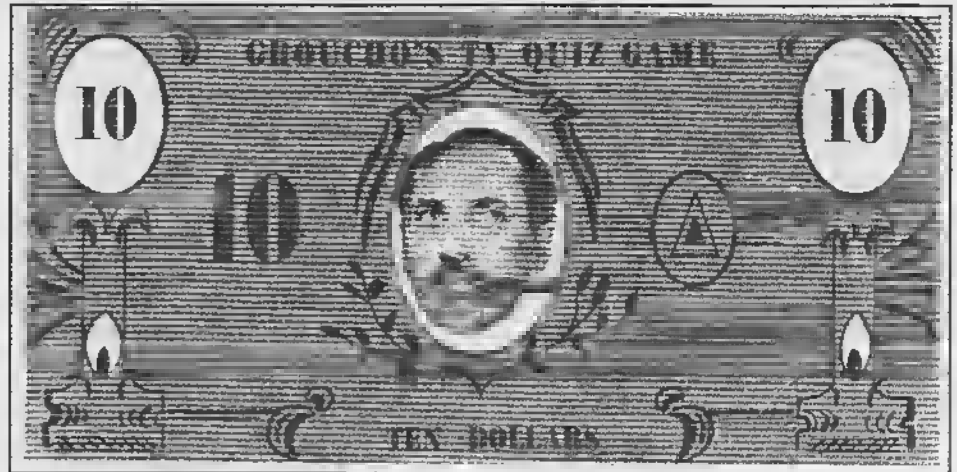
Our condolences go out to his family.



Found on The Web



Your editor managed to obtain several notes from the Groucho Marx TV Quiz Game via the on-line eBay auction. Only the \$10 and \$100 notes were available and it is not known if there are other denominations that were used in the game. What is known is that the game was produced by Pressman Toy Corporation in 1954. The notes are printed in black with a dark green background and the reverse side is blank. Measurements are 5 inches wide by 2 1/2 inches tall.



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WELCOME



To our new members!

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 Sandra Emme
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 Forrest Stevens
 Ken Sultana



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 Florida Tokens Of All Types Wanted for personal collection. I will make generous buy or trade offers. GIVE ME A TRY! I also collect Bryan Money. E-mail: Tokens@worldnet.att.net, Phone (850) 994-4961. Steve Ratliff, 3450 Riverview Drive, Pace, FL 32571-8602.

 For Sale: "Play Money of American Children", published in 1985 and still the main reference for the hobby. \$7.50 postpaid for Xerox copies of the 52 page book. R. Clothier, 881 S. Washington State Rd., Washington, MA 01223. richardclothier@hotmail.com

 Play Money for Sale: I have three lists of play money: Game play money, Lucky Bucks, & Coin-type. Send your list or send SASE and specify desired list. Jack Phillips, 2044 Pine Lake Trail, Arab, AL 35016. japhillips@mindspring.com

 Dog License Tags. If you don't read PAW PRINTS you don't know dog license tags. Complimentary copy on request. Bill Bone, Editor PAW PRINTS, 928 S.R. 2206, Clinton, KY 42031.

 Wanted: Charms Coins, American Hero Play Coins, Pied Piper Ice Cream Coins, Cracker Jack Presidents, and Red Goose Play Money. Randy Partin, 1314 Keystone Pointe, Auburndale, FL 33823; (941) 965-2947

 The Practical Book of Cobs, first edition. As Americas' first money cobs and reals were used as coins of the real before U.S. began its own coin production. Tells you how to identify these valuable coins. \$11 includes shipping. (407) 896-3585. George Livingston, 1239 Berwyn Road, Orlando, FL 32806.

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Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066.

 Buy/Sell/Trade Lucky Bucks and Victorian paper related to or like money. Dan Understahl, P.O. Box 38, West Baden, IN 47469. Phone: (812) 936-9188.

 Wanted: RED GOOSE President Coins. I need #13, 18, 20 & 25. I have duplicates of P/RG #7; 9; 21 & 26 for trade or for sale \$5.00 @pp. Chuck Berger, cberger199@aol.com Phone: (402) 571-5758, or write: 5564 No. 61 Ave., Omaha, NE 68104-1614.

 Wanted: Auction, discount, and premium paper play money; other premium coupons; loose trading/gift stamps; paper scrip (coal, lumber, etc.) and scrip-related paper items. Scott A. McClung, 8381-H Montgomery Run Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

 Wanted-Viewmaster Reels, Shoe and Button Hooks that I need. Will trade for play money from Jack's list. Barbara Phillips, 2044 Pine Lake Trail, Arab, AL 35016 or Email: japhillips@mindspring.com

 Wanted: "It Ain't Hay" play money. These were green bills with a haywagon as the picture & were printed in denominations of \$1 to \$10,000 back in the '50's. Also interested in mint, unfolded disney dollars with dates of 1992 to 1998. Lou Stryker, 109 Washington Terrace, Audubon, NJ 08106 (poobah@hotmail.com)

 To Trade or Sell: R-118 President Play Bucks and Lucky Bucks.

Val De Carlo, P.O. Box 127, Patchogue, NY 11772.

 Many Newly Added Items for sale: Please send SASE for list. Donald J. Kolkman, Rt 10, 211 Oakwood Ct. Greenville, SC 29607.

 Your ad could be in this space! Remember, it is free every issue to each member. Send one today before it gets forgotten.

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